Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Rs. 45 per mensem by way of grant and Rs. 5 per deaf and dumb and Rs. 3 for the blind.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* So it comes to about Rs. 50?

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Is anything given to the defectives out of this grant?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* These amounts of five rupees and three rupees are for their maintenance. That is given by the Education Department.

INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE FOR DEFECTIVES—RECOGNITION OF AND GRANT FOR

106. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* With reference to question No. 353, dated 4th April 1941, will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when was the application for recognising the Industrial Institute for Defectives, Kunnamkulam received by the Director of Industries and Commerce;

(*b*) whether he visited this Institution;

(*c*) if so, the date of his visit;

(*d*) how long the matter of recognising this institution was under the consideration of the Director of Industries and Commerce;

(*e*) whether he requires any further information for recognising and aiding this school; and if so;

(*f*) what is it?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) 27—6—1940 (14—11—1115)

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) 31—7—1940 (16—12—1115)

(*d*) For the last about one year.

(*e*) Further information may be necessary.

(*f*) It cannot be definitely stated now what information will be necessary.

BASKET MAKING—TEACHING IN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS

107. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* With reference to question No. 354, dated 4th April 1941, will Government be pleased to mention.—

(*a*) what steps have been taken by Government to encourage training in basket making;

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(*b*) whether many poor people in the State are not depending on this industry to earn their livelihood;

(*c*) whether basket making cannot be encouraged and developed by teaching it in industrial schools?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) No special steps have been taken to encourage training in basket making though they are subjects of study in certain industrial schools.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Teaching basket making in industrial schools is not essential to encourage and develop this industry. What is required is, to organise those engaged in the industry so that they may be made to get fair prices for their products. This work has been taken up by Co-operative Societies.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR DEFECTIVES—SUBJECTS TAUGHT

108. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state with reference to question No. 355, dated 4th April 1941.—

(*a*) whether more subjects are not taught in the Industrial Institute for Defectives to which no recognition was granted than in the two schools to which recognition was granted;

(*b*) whether it is the present policy of Government to grant recognition to industrial schools in which comparatively lesser number of subjects are being taught;

(*c*) whether there is any other industrial school (Government or private) in the State in which all the subjects taught in the Industrial Institute for Defectives are being taught?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) The list of subjects taught in this school contains more subjects than in the other two schools.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) There is no other industrial school where so many subjects are included in the list of subjects taught.

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